

Reconsideration of these rejections is requested respectfully in view of the amendment and argument herein.

Allowable subject matter has been noted in Claims 2, 5, 6 and 7.

The allowable subject matter is said to be the use of voice recognition by a combination of several sub-identifiers wherein one is not required to pronounce the sub-identifiers in a specific order, and that any combination or partial combination of the sub-identifiers may be used.

All of the claims have been rewritten to overcome the objections to the claims. Accordingly Claims 2 and 5 are believed to be allowable. Claims 6 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form so as to secure their allowance.

With respect to the cited art, Shimada discusses the use of a person's name as an identifier wherein the first and the last names are treated as sub-identifiers in a voice command for selection of a telephone number.

In the present specification, on page 9, there is discussion of the use of three sub-identifiers in the identification of a person, and on page 11 there is shown the use of still further sub-identifiers such as the name of a country and a company. Page 9 also shows the numerous permutations of the sub-identifiers possible in both the entire combination of sub-identifiers as well as of a partial combination of the sub-identifiers. As noted on Page 10, at lines 16-18, it does not make a difference how many words not included in the word list (the group of all the stored sub-identifiers) are used. Such a feature is not disclosed in the

cited art, and provides a great advantage over the voice identification of the cited art.

Independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to emphasize the foregoing feature of the invention, thereby to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 and to secure allowance of these claims and their respective dependent claims. In addition, new claim 13 is presented for further description of the invention, and is believed to be allowable in view of the foregoing discussion.

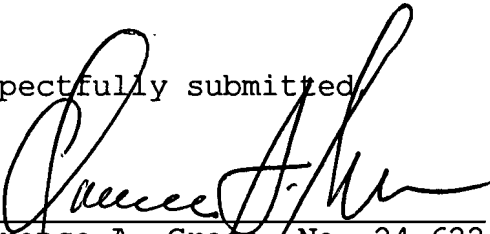
The foregoing amendment is believed to meet all the points raised by the Examiner so as to place the claims in condition for allowance. If any of the matters raised in the Action or any further matters have not been adequately resolved by this amendment, a telephone interview between Applicant's representative and the Examiner is requested in order to resolve any such outstanding matters.

Formal drawings conforming to the requirements of PTO form 948 are to be provided in due course.

It is submitted respectfully that all the claims are now in condition for allowance in that they patentably distinguish over the art. Accordingly, a favorable action indicating such condition is earnestly solicited.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$234.00 as payment for the presentation of three additional independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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